

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 2/10/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-42.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/28/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. McAllister (Reg. No. 37,886) on 3/24/2005.

2. In claim 6, line 2, delete --standard--.
3. In claim 7, line 2, delete --standard--.
4. In claim 8, line 2, delete --standard--.
5. In claim 9, line 2, delete --standard--.
6. In claim 14, line 2, delete --standard--.
7. In claim 20, line, 2, delete --standard--.
8. In claim 21, line 2, delete --standard--.
9. In claim 22, line 2, delete --standard--.
10. In claim 23, line 2, delete --standard--.
11. In claim 28, line 2, delete --standard--.
12. In claim 34, line 2, delete --standard--.
13. In claim 35, line 2, delete --standard--.
14. In claim 36, line 2, delete --standard--.
15. In claim 37, line 2, delete --standard--.
16. In claim 42, line 2, delete --standard--.

Allowable Subject Matter

17. Claims 1-42 are allowed.

The following is the statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art disclosed by the applicant and cited by the Examiner fail to teach or suggest, alone or in combination, a USB device and method wherein a USB interface enables the connection of the peripheral device to a USB port of a host device; memory for storing a USB device identifier used by said host device to select a USB device driver to load when said peripheral device is initially connected to said USB port, said USB device identifier comprises a device identifier which is identical for all the peripheral devices of the model line thereby preventing the need of reinstallation or a new device driver or reassignment of a new communication port by the host device. From the understanding of the Examiner as one of ordinary skill in the art, and as confirmed by the applicant in the interview on 01/26/2005, USB devices are all assigned unique addresses no matter if the device is part of the same brand/model as another device. All USB devices therefore have a unique device identifier, which the host devices use to assign ports and drivers. Applicant's inventions stands out from this convention by allowing the devices to have the identical device identifiers and still enabling the host to uniquely identify each device, with the benefit of not requiring a reinstallation of device drivers and the repetition of other initialization functions upon attachment/removal of the USB device.

Conclusion


18. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alan S Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-4143. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am - 5:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A Gaffin can be reached on (571) 272-4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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